

STATE OF TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION State Revolving Fund Loan Program

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

For the Proposed Project of Henderson County, Tennessee

Loan No. SRF 2009-230

June 10, 2009

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (Department) State Revolving Fund Loan Program has conducted a review of the above-referenced project in accordance with the Operating Agreement between the Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for implementing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Program. The Department has determined that this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion (CE). Accordingly, the Department is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the Department's EPA-approved National Environmental Policy Act-like environmental review process.

The project consists of wastewater treatment systems improvements and upgrades to eliminate surface water discharges at the Henderson County Schools of Westover, Pin Oak, South Haven, and Scotts Hill. The total estimated project cost is \$1,592,000. A CWSRF loan in the amount of \$1,467,000 has been requested for this project. In addition, Henderson County has applied for and been awarded a grant totaling \$125,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services through the Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program.

The project is eligible for a CE because undertaking this action:

- 1. Will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters
- 2. Will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or load of pollutants
- 3. Will not provide capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population
- 4. Will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment
- 5. Will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resources areas
- 6. Is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy

The determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Department and can be revoked at any time that adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's State Revolving Fund Loan Program and is available for public scrutiny upon request. If you wish to comment or to challenge this CE, send your written comment(s) to:

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